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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer/DCI

SUBJECT : Comment on Recommendations by Management Staff on Cable Control Officer

REFERENCE : Management Staff Memorandum dated 16 October 1958, Subject: Cable Traffic

1. I agree in general with Mr. Bissell's comments in his memorandum of 19 January regarding the proposed establishment of a Cable Control Officer. Particularly I feel that the problem of excessive use of cable traffic is attributable in large measure to the lack of an acceptable alternative communication medium. Unless pouch service as presently constituted is vastly improved I have no doubt that this problem will be with us for a long time to come, and I therefore strongly endorse the views expressed by Mr. Bissell in paragraph 2 of his memorandum.

2. At the same time I can see no objection to establishing the position of Cable Control Officer as proposed on a temporary basis, provided that it is clearly understood that this officer will have authority to act only in an advisory capacity after the actual release of cable traffic and will have no command or review authority prior to the release of cable traffic. I believe that if there have not been measurable results at the end of a six months' trial period the position should be dropped.

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